

KENTUCKY TALKING BOOK LIBRARY NEWS, WINTER 2015

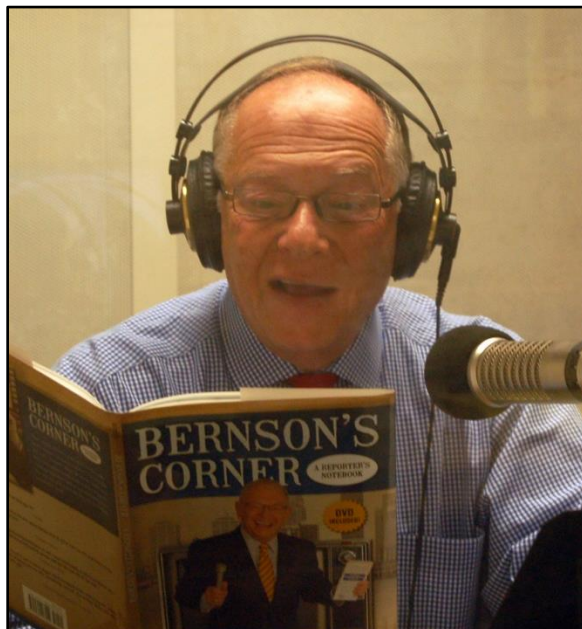
New Local Phone Number

The Kentucky Talking Book Library's local telephone number has recently changed. Our toll-free number is still the same: 1-800-372-2968, but people calling from outside the state or from non-Kentucky area codes must now dial our office at (502) 564-5791. The extension numbers we used to have no longer work. We ask that you call our general office number to ensure faster service.

This change occurred because our agency has a new telephone system. We hope you enjoy the improved clarity of calls. You may hear music while waiting for someone to pick up your call or while on hold. In case you're curious, it is Beethoven's 'Für Elise'.

Volunteer Celebration Features APH Narrator

KTBL recently hosted a luncheon honoring the volunteers who help us produce digital Kentucky books. Last year 35 volunteers contributed 853 hours narrating, monitoring or editing recordings to complete 45 books. Some volunteers began only a few months ago, while others have been with us since the inception of the recording program in 1978! Their work makes new and classic Kentucky books by James Still, Jesse Stuart, Jan Watson, Virginia Smith, and others available for thousands of patrons around the country. Often, these books are the only audio versions available anywhere in the world.



Barry Bernson in KTBL's recording studio

Barry Bernson, a professional narrator of Talking Books for the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, spoke to our volunteers about his experiences behind the microphone and in front of the TV camera as a features news reporter in Louisville and Chicago. He also discussed a KET documentary he produced, *A History of Kentucky in 25 Objects*. Inspired by narrating Neil MacGregor's [A History of the World in 100 Objects](#) (DB 73997), Bernson decided to give Kentucky the same treatment by exploring the history behind the long rifle, the whiskey still, Colonel Sanders's pressure cooker, and more.

Bernson also volunteered in our studio to record his 2012 memoir, Bernson's Corner: A Reporter's Notebook (DBC 03649). KTBL staff were very impressed, both with the quality of his writing and his ability to finish the entire book in one

day! Bernson's Corner is still in post-production at KTBL, but please feel free to ask for it to be added to your request list. An order form appears at the end of this newsletter.

Free Currency Reader Available Now

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is now distributing a free iBill® Talking Banknote Identifier so that blind and visually impaired individuals can more easily read currency denominations. The iBill® is a small electronic device that will easily fit in your pocket, purse, or on a keychain. Registered Talking Book users may request an iBill® reader by calling KTBL at 1-800-372-2968 or (502) 564-5791. KTBL will forward your request to the BEP. New requests take several weeks to process.

For questions about using the iBill or to request a replacement for a defective device, please contact the Bureau of Engraving and Printing directly at meaningful.access@bep.gov or (844) 815-9388 toll-free.

Smartphone users can also download free apps that can identify currency denominations. The EyeNote® is a free app for iOS devices like the iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch. The Ideal® Currency Identifier is a similar free app for Android devices available from Google Play.

People with visual impairments who are not registered as Talking Book users must submit an application directly to the BEP to request a device. For more information, visit the BEP website at www.moneyfactory.gov.

WebREADS

KTBL was selected as the first library to implement a new internet-based circulation system developed specifically for Talking Book and braille libraries. It is called WebREADS, for Web-based Reader Enrollment and Delivery System. This system tracks patron accounts, book collection, machine inventory, and book circulation—basically everything we do here at our library in Frankfort. Please be patient with KTBL staff as we continue to learn the new system and work on improvements.

In the future, patrons will have the option to log into WebREADS to view their request list, books on loan, and reading history. You will also be able to add book requests to your account and share book reviews. This website will be entirely separate from the BARD website for downloading books. We will send a message to all patrons with an email address when the patron site is available. Please make sure that KTBL has your current email address if you wish to use WebREADS.

Changes to Magazine Loan Period

Subscribers to NLS magazines now have more time to enjoy their favorite publications. The new loan periods for magazines are:

- 3 weeks for cartridges containing only weekly publications
- 7 weeks for cartridges containing at least 1 monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly publication

Please make sure to return magazines promptly so cartridges can be reused. Red magazine containers are mailed directly back to the producer in Maryland, so send only magazine cartridges in those containers. A list of NLS audio magazines appears in each issue of Talking Book Topics, or KTBL can send a list upon request. Please contact KTBL with any questions or concerns.

NLS Transition to New Braille Code

On January 4, 2016—Louis Braille's 207th birthday—the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) will implement the Unified English Braille (UEB) code. The new code was adopted by the Braille Authority of North America (BANA) in November 2012. It eliminates some contractions and changes spacing rules to simplify the use of braille with computers, smartphones, and ebooks. It will also make translating documents from braille to print or vice versa much easier.

To help readers transition to the new code, BANA has released *The UEB Reader*, a free hardcopy booklet with an overview of the changes and example documents to read. To request a free copy, please call 617-972-7248 and leave a message with your name, address, and phone number.

KTBL Librarian on Collection Development Advisory Group

A KTBL librarian will serve on the 2015 Collection Development Advisory Group. Lauren Abner was selected as the librarian representative for the Southern region of NLS libraries. For the next two years, she will participate in making recommendations for the collection of Talking Books and braille produced by NLS. If you have comments about the selection of books, please send them to:

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Download Kentucky Books

In November, KTBL posted its first recorded book for download on BARD, the Braille and Audio Reading Download website. Patrons around the country can now access these recordings at any time. Around 21 libraries have loaded over 300 titles, and those numbers will continue to grow. At this time, local programs can load only recent titles that were recorded digitally, but in the future we hope to offer older favorites converted from analog masters. KTBL announces recently uploaded titles on Facebook (www.facebook.com/KDLA.KTBL) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/kytbl).

The following titles are available for download, but you can also request them on digital cartridge by calling 1-800-372-2968 or (502) 564-5791; emailing ktbl.mail@ky.gov; or mailing your list "Free Matter" to KTBL, PO Box 537, Frankfort, KY 40602. Also contact KTBL for help with registering for BARD.

□ DBC 01495 [Appalachian Folk Tales](#) edited by Loyal Jones; narrated by Jean Anne Webb. Twelve tales from Kentucky storytellers, including James Taylor Adams, Anne Shelby, and Leonard W. Roberts. Based on traditional tales from the Old Country, the characters have evolved along with the American settlers of the Appalachians. Includes a glossary of once-common words and phrases from Appalachia. For grades 5-8. 2010. (2 hours, 1 minute)

□ DBC 01492 [Liver Transplantation Patient Information Manual](#) by UK Healthcare; narrated by Lynda Sherrard. The Liver Transplant team at University of Kentucky Healthcare has produced this short manual for patients who have advanced or end-stage liver disease, and their caregivers. It discusses the selection criteria and describes what to expect before, during, and after a liver transplant. It also covers health care for those living with a transplant. 2014. (1 hour, 15 minutes)

□ DBC 03646 [Lost Melody](#) by Lori Copeland and Virginia Smith; narrated by Janet Kinstle. Jill King's piano has sat untouched since an accident shattered her dream of becoming a concert pianist. However, a new dream--actually a nightmare--forces her to make unwanted choices that could save others, but at the cost to her reputation and future happiness. Is this really a warning from God, or are her scars more than physical? 2011. (10 hours, 13 minutes)

□ DBC 01498 [Murder in the Mountains: The Muriel Baldridge Story](#) by Michael Crisp; narrated by Norma Rash. Seventeen-year-old high school cheerleader Muriel Baldridge was found beaten to death on a riverbank in Prestonsburg, KY on June 28, 1949. A decades-long investigation followed, along with a sensational trial and a controversial verdict. The case remains unsolved, making it one of the most bizarre and confusing crimes in the history of Eastern Kentucky. 2011. (2 hours, 48 minutes)

- DBC 03645 [My Secrets Cry Aloud](#) by Sherry Robinson; narrated by Janet Kinstle. Lillie Newsom moves into an old house in 2001. Inside a desk she finds journals written by seven different women who have lived in the house over the course of 200 years. The individual women's stories bind them all together despite living in different eras. Strong language. 2009. (8 hours, 45 minutes)
- DBC 01497 [A Pocketful of Cricket](#) by Rebecca Caudill; narrated by Madeline Abramson. Six-year old Jay goes for a walk through the countryside and collects treasures that he finds along the way, including a live cricket. Jay takes the cricket home, and then to school, where its chirping disturbs the class. Illustrated by Evaline Ness. For grades K-3. Caldecott Medal. 1964. (19 minutes)
- DKY 03105 [Rover and Coo Coo](#) by John Hay; narrated by Lynda Sherrard. A tale handed down through generations about the author's great-great-great-grandfather and life on the frontier. Charles Hay and his family live in the Ohio River Valley wilderness. One day he is attacked by wolves while traveling through the forest, but his dogs Rover and Coo Coo help him to safety. For grades 2-4. 1986. (32 minutes). On BARD, search for book number DBC 01491.
- DBC 01506 [The Whole Package](#) by Cynthia Ellingsen; narrated by Mary Vaughn. Debut novel by the author of [Marriage Matters](#) (□ DB 77599). Life-long friends Jackie, Cheryl, and Doris have all hit rock bottom in their careers and personal lives. After a wild night at a ladies' strip club, they come up with an ingenious idea--open a restaurant staffed with handsome, scantily clad men. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 2011. (14 hours, 50 minutes)
- DBC 01518 [Wicked Lexington, Kentucky](#) by Fiona Young-Brown; narrated by Ann Zimmer. In its early days, Lexington was known as the "Athens of the West," but its history has not always been so genteel. This book includes lurid tales of infamous duels, lynch mobs, a cheating congressman, murders, and ladies of ill repute. Some of the characters are well known, like Henry Clay and Belle Brezing, but others have nearly been forgotten. 2011. (3 hours, 41 minutes)
- DKY 03092 [Zigzagging down a Wild Trail: Stories](#) by Bobbie Ann Mason; narrated by Joyce Honaker. Eight of these eleven stories feature women in the process of transition, with characters traveling the world or returning home to Kentucky on the unexpected trail of life. In "With Jazz," Chrissy pauses in middle age to reflect on her two previous marriages and the lifestyles of her grown children. Some strong language. 2001. (6 hours, 13 minutes). Also available in braille as BR 14185. On BARD, search for book number DBC 03664.
- DBC 03649 (in-process) [Bernson's Corner: A Reporter's Notebook](#) by Barry Bernson; narrated by the author. Humorous memoir by an award-winning broadcast journalist and narrator. Describes his early days in newspapers and radio, his years reporting TV news in Louisville and Chicago, and his experiences with the talking books program. Includes audio from Bernson's favorite human-interest features. Strong language. 2012. (2 hours, 35 minutes)

Upcoming KTBL/State Government Holidays

April 3 – Good Friday (close at noon)
May 25 – Memorial Day

July 3 – Independence Day
September 7 – Labor Day

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